fresh approvals for setting up new SEZs and fresh notifications are presently not being issued. However, miscellaneous proposals relating to the notified Special Economic Zones (SEZs) are considered by the Government regularly.

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883 MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Orissa Government has requested the Centre to explore possibility of setting up a Design Institute at Bhubaneswar, at par with the National institute of Design;

(b) whether the State Government has assured the Centre of providing the necessary infrastructure in the matter; and

(c) if so, the status of the proposals and the time-frame within which it would be set up, to improve the economy of this backward region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) All proposals received from various State Governments are duly considered and appropriate decision is taken based upon the need assessment and resource availability.

Agreements between MIDC and IDFC Ltd. for SEZs

884. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) signed four agreements with Infrastructure Development Finance Company Limited (IDFCL) for developing three Special Economic Zones;